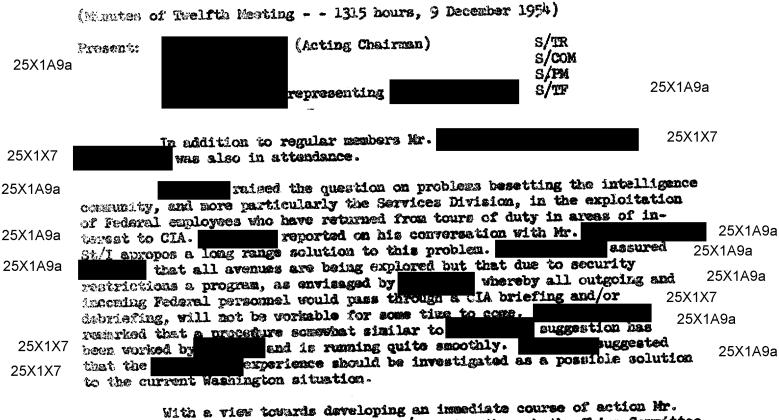
Economic Service Division Committee on China Research

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Suggested the possibility that D/S acting through the China Committee might select a single qualified member to represent the Division at all briefings and debriefings. It was pointed out that such would entail considerable work for the person selected and hence he would need full support from the Division Office in order to protect his position vis-a-vis his Branch responsibilities. All members concurred in the view that in general briefings and debriefings of recent date have proved of little value however, each member present expressed his concern over intrusting the meeds of his special field to a single person.

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Chinese restaurant. Kotion was seconded by all members present. Details are to be fixed at the next regular meeting.

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reported on information concerning a Russian railway construction effort at Alma-Ata which is to build from that city to the Chinese border. This is the first indication that the projected Sino-Russian railway via Sinkiang is being constructed from both ends.

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indicates that Russian truck production is being diverted to China on a very high priority basis. Efforts are being made to clarify the report and further information on this subject will be reported by

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reported on the continuing progress of the Free Thai movement. He also reported that a Yugoslovic survey group had recently discovered copper in N. Burms. No further details on this item were available.

opened in favor of the Chinese for the purchase of Russian aviation equipment. 22% of the funds were for the purchase of air equipment and 73% for ground equipment.

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